

## ADDENDUM TWO

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS and SECOND REVISED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date: June 6, 2019

To: All Applicants

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RE: Addendum for Request for Applications Number 1652, due **June 15, 2019**

#### Questions and Answers

Following are the questions submitted and answers provided for the above mentioned Request for Applications. The questions and answers are to be considered as part of the Request for Applications. It is the Applicant's responsibility to check the DHHS website for all addenda or amendments.

Question Number	RFA Section Reference	RFA Page Number	Question	DHHS Response
1	2.3 Child and Family Eligibility	8	I need clarity as to how the kinship navigator program will work with how DHHS currently contracts (most but not all) support to kinship families through the current agency supported foster care contracts. Is the kinship navigator in addition to the "support" contract (which includes crisis intervention, etc)?	Yes, however, the intent of the kinship navigator program is to assist families that are not involved in the child welfare system. Per section 2.3, Child and Family Eligibility, 2.3.1 Children in kinship care arrangements and their families are eligible for services without regard to whether the child is currently, or is potentially, eligible for Title IV-E foster care maintenance payment.  2.3.2. There is no requirement that the child be determined to meet the definition of a candidate for foster care to be eligible for services.

2	2.2 Geographic Scope of Services	7-8	<p>Had a quick question about this RFA, specifically around selecting counties. Are we to select from the given list below, such as 2.2.2.1 or 2.2.2.2, of only one actual county or a "grouping". So as an example, we could select Lancaster and Dodge county OR do we have to select Lancaster and Seward (as the metro and rural) OR Lancaster, Seward and another rural.</p>	<p>In your example, you can select Lancaster and Dodge. The program must be implemented in one metropolitan county and one non-metropolitan county.</p>
3	4.2 Applicant's Organizational Overview	14	<p>We feel we could offer a strong application and partnership, however; we would not receive any points for this area. We have never applied for or received Federal funds. We have strategically been privately funded to allow anyone from any location to walk through our doors. When we saw this opportunity, it made sense to our Board to apply since we have the infrastructure to effectively offer "Kinship Navigation" services for you.</p> <p>Can you share if this would exclude us from a possible favorable grant award outcome?</p>	<p>No, it would not exclude you.</p>

4	2.1 Background and Purpose	7	Has the State identified which Kinship Navigator plan you are going to purchase?	No, the State is awaiting the release of the ratings from the Clearinghouse. Programs funded under the Title IV-E Kinship Navigator Program must also meet practice criteria of promising, supported or well-supported in accordance with HHS Criteria and be approved by HHS. (section 471(e) 4 (C) of the Act).
5	2.2 Geographic Scope of Service	7-8	I was reading through the requirements for the Kinship Navigator grant, and wanted clarification on the eligible counties: in 2.2.3 it says, "For the initial period of performance, Douglas and Sarpy counties are excluded." Does this mean that we would be ineligible to apply? Most of our patients/clients are in Douglas County, with some in Sarpy, and fewer in Cass.	No, however, for this RFA, the State will only fund one metropolitan area and one rural area. The metropolitan area cannot be Douglas or Sarpy County.
6	2.1	7	Are you able to provide us with information regarding which Kinship Navigator models the state is considering for this RFA?	The State is considering the following kinship navigator models: Children's Home Society of New Jersey Kinship Navigator Model and Children's Home Inc. Kinship Interdisciplinary Navigation Technologically-Advance Model (KIN-Tech)

7	2.3 Child and Family Eligibility	8	<p>Is the intended focus of this RFA to serve youth prior to entering the child welfare system, or should services also serve youth who are currently engaged in the child welfare system?</p>	<p>The intent is to serve families prior to child welfare system involvement.</p>
8	2 Project Description	7	<p>The RFA states, "Upon the release of the ratings from the Clearinghouse, DHHS will select a kinship navigator model to be implemented in Nebraska. The bidder will be required to implement the kinship navigator model approved and purchased by DHHS."</p> <p>Is there an anticipated date when the Kinship Navigator model will be chosen?</p>	<p>The State intends to identify the model as soon as possible after the release of the ratings from the Clearinghouse.</p>

9	2 Project Description	7	<p>The RFA states, "The bidder will be required to implement the kinship navigator model approved and purchased by DHHS."</p> <p>Does this mean DHHS will also pay for the training of all contracted staff and any additional model components (such as manuals, fidelity checklists, on-going affiliate fee, etc.) and any specific curriculum needed for implementation?</p>	Yes, DHHS will pay for the training and required model components.
10	2 Project Description	7	<p>The RFA states, "Therefore, DHHS expects the successful bidder to implement the approved kinship navigator program which based on essential components..... Such coordination should be provided through intensive service planning....."</p> <p>Does coordination mean the provider will provide intensive service planning, information sharing; assessment, support groups, etc.?</p>	Yes.

11	Essential Direct Service Components	8	Does the website need to be a stand-alone or can it be a link to an existing website?	Either is fine as long as the website contains updated and relevant information for kinship caregivers.
12	Essential Direct Service Components	8	<p>The RFA states, "Shall promote partnerships between public and private agencies, including schools, community based or faith-based organizations, and relevant government agencies, to increase their knowledge of the needs of kinship care families and other individuals who are willing and able to be foster parents for children in foster care under the responsibility of the State who are themselves parents to promote better services for those families"</p> <p>What is the meaning of the end of the sentence? Is there also to be recruitment of foster parents?</p>	This language is directly from the Social Security Act section 427(a)(1). DHHS does not expect the entity that is awarded this RFA to recruit foster parents.

### Schedule of Events

The State expects to adhere to the tentative procurement schedule shown below. It should be noted, however, that some dates are approximate and subject to change. It is the Applicant's responsibility to check the DHHS Grants and Contracts Opportunities website for all addenda or amendments.

ACTIVITY		DATE/TIME
1.	Release RFA	May 15, 2019
2.	Last day to submit written questions	May 30, 2019
3.	State responds to written questions through RFA "Addendum" and/or "Amendment" to be posted to the Internet at: <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Grants-and-Contract-Opportunities.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Grants-and-Contract-Opportunities.aspx</a>	<del>June 5, 2019</del> June 6, 2019
4.	Application Review Period Begins (Application due date)	<del>June 7, 2019</del> <del>June 14, 2019</del> June 15, 2019 2:00 PM Central Time
5.	Evaluation Period	<del>June 7, 2019</del> <del>June 14, 2019</del> June 15, 2019 through June 21, 2019
6.	Post "Intent to Subaward" to Internet at: <a href="http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Grants-and-Contract-Opportunities.aspx">http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Grants-and-Contract-Opportunities.aspx</a>	June 21, 2019
7.	Period of Performance Start*	July 1, 2019

This addendum will become part of the proposal and should be acknowledged with the RFA.